

**Welcome to New Members**

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**Thanks to Sustaining Members**

Diane Gregart

**New Friends of GRO**

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Westwood Food & Liquor

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Shirlee Jensen and Barbara Bejna  
Jerry Jaecks  
Julia Adams and Patrick Monaghan  
David and Christine Kovach  
Carole Harmel and Arthur Lerner  
Pat Pfaff  
Westwood Food & Liquor

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**DOORS OPEN AT 7:15, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 . . .**

I'm very excited about our community—the strength of the Rockwell Crossing business district, the reopening of the new station, the beauty of our corner gardens, the involvement of our members, and neighborhood pride. As your GRO President, I plan to build on these strengths, expand our membership, and continue to invest in our community. I hope you will join me.

Two volunteers came forth to work on Special Events, Kristen Jahnke and Jacquie Krupka, and we welcome their commitment. I know others have expressed interest and I encourage you to join in planning new ideas for GRO (canoeing on the river?).

We'll have interesting discussions and some tough decisions in the coming months as we hone ideas for use of the Betterment Fund. 15% of the fund has been spent on the Luther Memorial Church Social Hall, support during the station closing, and a transfer to our operating funds. Additional projects are in development stages, and your input at GRO meetings will help shape the investment into our community.

Which brings me to the topic of money and membership. We've increased our dues and I hope you'll agree that a \$20 investment is well worth a year with GRO. Your membership funds the 1,500 monthly newsletters; keeps our website [www.greaterrockwell.org](http://www.greaterrockwell.org) and e-mail up and running; funds corner gardens and mulching; helps to eliminate graffiti; and pays for our summer block party. We also helped sponsor the first Rockin' on Rockwell event and hope to do so annually.

We can do more and will do more with your support. One of the first orders of business at our Executive Meeting was to reactivate the Budget Committee for better planning and stewardship of your funds. We'll continue to develop the strengths of our organization—and want you along with us. Join GRO. Build your community.

GRO meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at Luther Memorial Church. Doors open at 7:15 . . .

LES KNISKERN  
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## HAPPENINGS AT WATERS SCHOOL

### Waters School Fall Tours

Where: 4540 North Campbell (Wilson and Campbell)

When: Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Nov. 9, Nov. 30, Dec. 14

Time: promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Come for questions and answers on this unique north side school. Learn about our Ecology and Fine Arts programs and how these integrate throughout the curriculum for hands-on learning.

### My First Art Class from Abrakadoodle

Time: Mondays from 9:30–10:15 a.m.

Cost: \$40.00 per 4-week session

Now accepting applications for the 2nd session, Nov. 20–Dec. 11 and remainder of 1st session.

This 4-week hands-on art class is a parent-tot program for children 24 months to 4 years old. Parents do need to attend class with their child. You will only pay for the classes you take if you sign up

after the start date, so come try it!

Register online at

[www.abrakadoodle.com/il02.html](http://www.abrakadoodle.com/il02.html)

or call Chris Soto at 773-314-7622.

### Fundraising Event at Crate and Barrel

WatersToday will be hosting our first fundraising event at Crate and Barrel on North and Clybourn. This is a great opportunity to knock out some of your holiday shopping while socializing and raising money for a good cause.

Date: Thursday, November 16th

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$100 per person. \$50 is a tax deductible donation to WatersToday and \$50 you will receive back as a Crate and Barrel gift card, provided at the event to each attendee.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer will be served.

Extra Incentive for Holiday Shopping: 10% of all sales during the evening will also be donated to WatersToday.

Registration information available at [WatersToday.org](http://WatersToday.org).

### Tuition-Based PreK . . . and Away We Go!

Waters opened its first Tuition-based PreK this Fall. With new teacher Miss Sophia Flores, the kids not only get their active day of play, but they get some of it in Spanish! The kids seem to love it, and so do the parents.

The program runs daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., although you do not have to use the whole day (certain pickup times throughout the day are allowed).

The preschool classes enroll a maximum of 20 students. This first year, Waters is running a shared-spot, every other day program. There are a few “M-W-every other Friday” spots still available.

Applications are available at Waters School or by visiting [WatersToday.org](http://WatersToday.org).

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## Current Eats

### SOME LATIN FLAIR IN LINCOLN SQUARE

You may find it tough to get a table at new Italian eatery Erba, which recently topped Chicago magazine's list of hot restaurants. For a more civilized dining experience while keeping it in the family, consider Brioso. Owned by the same folks, Brioso has been serving Mexican dishes with a modern twist since August 2005.

During a recent visit, we indulged in one of their most popular appetizers: queso fundido, a happy melted medley of Mexican cheese, black beans, chorizo, and roasted corn, served with flour tortillas to sop up the goodness. After appetizers, the menu is divided into two parts: tacos and entrees. The tacos are fun—pick three of your favorite or three different kinds. As we sipped mango margaritas (not too sweet, we're pleased to report), chefs were busy assembling tacos which featured grilled wild mushrooms, prickly pear leaves and pumpkin seed paste; shrimp with mango and arugula; and grilled skirt steak with papaya, wrapped in a corn tortilla. We also chose from the Specials menu—the stuffed chicken breast with asparagus, monterey jack cheese, black beans, swiss chard, and tomatillo sauce did not disappoint.

Neither did the bittersweet chocolate bread pudding, perched in a pool of chocolate sauce and presented with a fat dollop of fresh whipped cream. Perfect for fall's chilly nights.

Entrees average around \$15. Brioso is located at 4602 N. Lincoln. Open for dinner Tuesday–Sunday, closed Monday. Brunch served Sundays 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. 773-989-9000.

AMY CURRENT

### “What’s on the Agenda?”

What’s on the agenda for the November 7 GRO meeting at 7:30 p.m.?

- Residential zoning variance requested at Talman and Leland—community vote requested
- Discussion on Waters School funding request—community vote to be scheduled for December
- 7% Property Assessment Cap—TRAC press conference November 13
- PLUS: Attend the GRO meeting and you might win the GRO Giveaway, two free tickets to Goodman Theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol*, Sunday, November 26 at 2:00 p.m.

### Keep Your Identity to Yourself

Millions of people each year become victims of identify theft. Don't let yourself be one of them! Download a free guide on preventing identity theft from the National Crime Prevention Council at [www.WEprevent.org](http://www.WEprevent.org). The website also contains helpful information on senior fraud, bully prevention, and Internet safety.

MARIA BAPPERT

QUEEN OF ANGELS HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 IN THE GUILD HALL  
4416 N. WESTERN AVENUE  
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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# GRO NIGHT OUT

## Presidential Pizza

GRO Night Out  
 November 27  
 7:00 p.m. at the Art Cafe  
 4658 N. Rockwell Ave.

Join GRO on Monday, November 27 for a pizza party celebrating past-President Abbey Botkin. Say thanks for two years of service, have a slice of great pizza . . . or several. Plan to pay for your pizza and GRO will provide beverages.



### November Calendar

- 4 Saturday, 1 p.m. Gross Park's Party in the Park Raffle. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 6 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 7 Election Day  
**Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.** Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 20 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 Monday, 7 p.m. GRO Night Out.** Art Cafe, 4658 N. Rockwell Ave.
- 28 Tuesday, 7 p.m. 19th District CAPS Beat Meeting. Kindred Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose, top floor meeting room

**Luther Memorial Church 2nd Annual Holiday Market and Bake Sale**  
**2500 W. Wilson Avenue (corner of Campbell and Wilson)**  
**Sunday, November 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
 Unique holiday goods for sale by local crafters and neighborhood businesses  
 Bake sale featuring homemade pies, stollen, cakes, and cookies  
 Vendor spaces still available for local crafters. For further information please contact Linda Miranda (773-334-8620) or Barbara Petersen (773-583-9486).

New member \_\_\_\_      Renewal \_\_\_\_

### GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Categories (circle one): Individual \$20    Family \$30    Senior \$10    Senior Family \$15    Sustaining \$50

Business \$50    Friends of GRO \$20 (living outside GRO service area)

I'm adding \$5 \$\_\_\_\_ for the Corner Gardens

I would like to see GRO address the following issues:

I would like to participate in the following committees (please circle):

Fundraising/Special Events    Member Services/Welcome    Newsletter    Public Safety

Streetscape/Beautifcation    Streetscape/Greening    Urban Development

**Make your check payable to GRO and bring it a meeting, drop it off at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 N. Rockwell (just north of the el tracks), or mail it to GRO Membership. P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625-0561**